

FaDSS Council
Recommendations from the Outcomes Committee
11/9/15

1. Adopt “Selected Assessment and Screening Tools” as the resource and guide used by FaDSS grantees to develop and implement local assessment and screening plans. The document sets forth a compilation of high-quality assessment and screening tools as well as a set of protocols to 1) guide implementation of tools across local programs and 2) provide a mechanism for grantees to submit additional tools for approval and use in the FaDSS model.
 - a. Approve Appendix A, Assessment and Screening Protocol. The protocol details the following: 1) all families participating in the FaDSS program will be assessed for general family functioning, 2) all families participating in the FaDSS program will be screened for domestic violence, 3) all FaDSS grantees will perform or obtain child development screening for program participants aged 0-3, and 4) screening of mental health, substance abuse, or other areas of focus will be implemented as outlined in each grantee’s approved application.
 - b. Approve Appendix B, Protocol for Submission and Review of Tools. The protocol details the process for submission of additional screening and assessment tools for approval and use in the FaDSS model.
2. Reconvene the Assessment Subgroup one year after implementation (beginning of FY 18) to review the overall impact of the proposed changes to assessment and screening within the FaDSS model, both for local grantees and for families.